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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: *Fu et al.*  
APPLICATION No.: 09/967,238  
FILED: September 27, 2001  
FOR: **METHOD FOR DETERMINING RELATIVE  
ABUNDANCE OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES**

EXAMINER: GUNTER, C.  
ART UNIT: 1634  
CONFIRMATION No.: 6602

**Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the period for response to January 23, 2004.

- ☒ Fee (37 CFR 1.17(a) (1)): ☒ Small Entity: \$55.00  
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- ☒ Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
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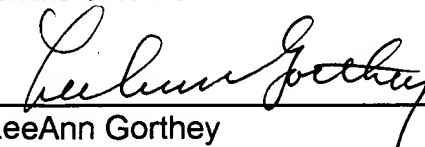
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